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For:	DIAGNOSTIC METHOD FOR CANCER	

RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION DATED SEPTEMBER 14, 2009

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Commissioner:

This is a full and complete response to the final Office Action having a mailing date of September 14, 2009. The shortened three month shortened statutory period to respond expired on December 14, 2009. As such, a petition requesting a two-month extension of time is attached hereto. The petition extends the period for response until February 14, 2010. As such, this is a timely filed response.

In view of the following, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner allow all the claims pending in the application.

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